Health insurance scheme for CGHS beneficiaries

3475. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to launch Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) for the beneficiaries of CGHS;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether Government will discontinue the CGHS or it will be linked with the insurance schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how far health insurance scheme will ease undue financial burden on the exchequer, bring quality health facilities to the employees and control corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The feasibility of introducing a health insurance scheme for Central Government servants and pensioners is being explored which has not yet been finalized.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Brain fever

3476. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that brain fever is spreading in the country particularly in Delhi and Northern India;

(b) how many cases of brain fever have been reported in the Capital of Delhi and other parts of the country in the last three months; and

(c) what is Government's preparedness to deal with the situation and take up the matter on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the data provided by National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), 213 cases from Delhi and 73 cases from the adjoining areas of Delhi due to brain fever (Meningococcal Diseases) have been reported during the period from 1st January 2008 to 21st April 2008.

During the corresponding period of 2006 and 2007, 731 and 279 cases respectively were reported.

Besides these, the State of Meghalaya has also reported 269 cases due to Meningococcal Disease from 26th March, 2008 to 21st April, 2008.

(c) In the wake of reporting of meningococcal disease in Delhi and surrounding areas in National Capital Region (NCR), the Expert Group in the Ministry of Health and Family